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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SHUM, AR, US

SUBJECT: MIXED SIGNALS FROM U.S. MILITARY ON HUMAN RIGHTS

, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF WORLD BANK VOTE (STATE 138380) ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL RAISED QUESTION OF MIXED SIGNALS WHICH USG GIVES ARGENTINES AS A RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICERS AS WELL AS TREATMENT ACCORDED BY STATE DEPARTMENT TO EXILED POLITICAL LEADERS.

2. ESPIL SAID HE HAS A PROBLEM CONVINCING HIS THREE MILITARY ATTACHES AND ADMIRAL MENDIA, ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IADB), THAT THE USG IS SERIOUS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS. AMBASSADOR
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CLAIMED THAT U.S. MILITARY, SPECIFICALLY OUR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE IADB, ARE TELLING ARGENTINE OFFICERS THAT THIS IS JUST A PASSING PERIOD FOR THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THAT THE ARGENTINES NEED NOT WORRY.

3. AJA ESPIL ALSO CLAIMED THAT GOA WAS ON THE VERGE OF

PERMITTING FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR CAMPORA TO GO INTO EXILE WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECEIVED CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA, ALLENDE'S FOREIGN MINISTER. THE GOA FEARED

THAT THE U.S. WOULD RECEIVE CAMPORA AS SOON AS HE WAS PERMITTED TO GO ABROAD, AND THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD GIVE THE LEFT SUPPORT.

4. COMMENT: AJA ESPIL'S COMMENTS MAY BE SELF-SERVING IN VIEW OF CONVERSATIONS WHICH ADMIRAL MENDIA HAS HAD WITH SENIOR ARA AND DOD OFFICERS, WHO HAVE BRIEFED ADMIRAL VERY CANDIDLY ON SERIOUSNESS OF USG DEDICATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. IN ANY CASE AND TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT U.S. POLICY, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD ISSUED FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM FOR ALL OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE IADB ON JUNE 24: "AS A MATTER OF POLICY, ALL US OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION SHOULD, IN THEIR DAILY CONTACTS WITH LATIN AMERICAN OFFICIALS, STRESS THE TOTAL COMMITMENT OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. AS HAS BEEN INDICATED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO THE CHIEFS OF DELEGATION AND TO HIGH-RANKING LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS IN HIS VISITS THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA, ANY QUESTION THAT THIS POLICY IS ONE OF LIMITED DURATION SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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